



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE**

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Applicant: Apotex Pharmachem Inc.  
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Preparation of Amorphous  
Atorvastatin Calcium

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION  
OF FEBRUARY 8, 2008  
AMENDMENTS AND REMARKS**

July 18, 2008

The Commissioner of Patents  
UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the outstanding Official Action dated February 8, 2008 and due for response May 8, 2008, Applicants enclose a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) requesting a three month extension of time making this response due **August 8, 2008**. Applicant encloses the fee for a three month extension of time for a large entity in the sum of \$1,050.00 U.S. If there is any deficiency or surplusage of the fees enclosed for the extension of time, please obtain any such deficiency or credit the surplusage to Deposit Account 08-3255 (Ivor M. Hughes) and advise Applicants' Agent.

Please enter the following submissions:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.